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Attorney Docket: 4090-000001

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The patents, publications and other information requested to be considered by the Office (except unpublished U.S. patent applications) are listed on Form 1449 attached hereto.

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A. Submitted herewith is a legible copy of (i) each U.S. patent application publication and U.S. and foreign patent; (ii) each publication or that portion which caused it to be listed; (iii) for each cited pending U.S. application, the application specification including the claims, and any drawing of the application which caused it to be listed including the claims directed to that portion; and (iv) all other information or that portion which caused it to be listed.

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D. This is a PCT application in the entry of the National Phase in the United States. A copy of the International Search Report is attached for the Examiner's information. The documents listed on the International Search Report are listed on the attached Form 1449 for consideration by the Examiner and for listing on any patent resulting from this application. Since the International Search report was from the US, EPO, or JPO search authorities, copies of these references should have been supplied to the USPTO under the trilateral agreement and are believed to be in the file of the above-identified application. (MPEP 1893.03(g).)

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English language abstracts are provided for the following foreign patents:

JP 3-291115
DE 101 35 411

WO 03/011489
DE 101 47 498

DE 101 49 157
DE 33 43 709

C. The following additional information is provided for the Examiner's consideration.

IV. CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION(S)

A. The Examiner is advised that the following co-pending application(s) contain(s) subject matter that may be related to the present application. By bringing this(these) application(s) to the Examiner's attention, Applicant(s) does (do) not waive the confidentiality provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 122.

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2.		2003/0089414	05/15/2003	Ooyauchi et al.		
3.		2001/0028158	10/11/2001	Devitt et al.		
4.		Re. 33,990	07/14/1992	Cudini		
5.		47,888	05/23/1865	Wilder		
6.		1,387,199	08/09/1921	Small		
7.		1,665,591	04/10/1928	Kane		
8.		1,748,722	02/25/1930	Hunker		
9.		1,805,283	05/12/1931	Hammerstrom		
10.		2,696,184	12/07/1954	Demarest		
11.		2,849,877	09/02/1958	Burgett et al.		
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13.		3,361,319	01/02/1968	Sato et al.		
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15.		3,486,703	12/30/1969	Sorlie		
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17.		3,738,149	06/12/1973	Archer		
18.		3,802,239	04/09/1974	Karmann et al.		
19.		3,920,173	11/18/1975	Salata		
20.		4,148,426	04/10/1979	Midzutani et al.		
21.		4,567,743	02/04/1986	Cudini		

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26.		5,016,805	05/21/1991	Cadwell		
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28.		5,333,775	08/02/1994	Bruggemann et al.		
29.		5,339,667	08/23/1994	Shah et al.		
30.		5,398,533	03/21/1995	Shimanovski et al.		
31.		5,431,326	07/11/1995	Ni et al.		
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36.		5,666,840	09/16/1997	Shah et al.		
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40.		5,715,718	02/10/1998	Rigsby et al.		
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